

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES

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AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GREECE

Having in mind the Resolution signed under date of December 7, 1944, at the International Civil Aviation Conference in Chicago, Illinois, for the adoption of a Standard Form of Agreement for provisional air routes and services, and the desirability of mutually stimulating and promoting the sound economic development of air transportation between the United States and Greece, the two Governments parties to this Agreement agree that the establishment and development of air transport services between their respective territories shall be governed by the following provisions:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties grant the rights specified in the Annex hereto necessary for establishing the international civil air routes and services therein described, whether such services be inaugurated immediately or at a later date at the option of the Contracting Party to whom the rights are granted.

ARTICLE 2

(a) Each of the air services so described shall be placed in operation as soon as the Contracting Party to whom the rights have been granted by Article 1 to designate an airline or airlines for the route concerned has authorized an airline for such route, and the Contracting Party granting the rights shall, subject to Article 6 hereof, be bound to give the appropriate operating permission to the airline or airlines concerned; provided that the airlines so designated may be required to qualify before the competent aeronautical authorities of the Contracting Party granting the rights under the laws and regulations normally applied by these authorities before being permitted to engage in the operations contemplated by this Agreement; and provided that in areas of hostilities or of military occupation, or in areas

¹ 17 UST 344; TIAS 5982.

² 19 UST 7767; TIAS 6606.

affected thereby, such inauguration shall be subject to the approval of the competent military authorities.

(b) It is understood that either Contracting Party granted commercial rights under this Agreement should exercise them at the earliest practicable date except in the case of temporary inability to do so.

ARTICLE 3

In order to prevent discriminatory practices and to assure equality of treatment, both Contracting Parties agree that:

(a) Each of the Contracting Parties may impose or permit to be imposed just and reasonable charges for the use of public airports and other facilities under its control. Each of the Contracting Parties agrees, however, that these charges shall not be higher than would be paid for the use of such airports and facilities by its national aircraft engaged in similar international services.

(b) Fuel, lubricating oils and spare parts introduced into the territory of one Contracting Party by the other Contracting Party or its nationals, and intended solely for use by aircraft of such other Contracting Party shall be accorded national and most-favored-nation treatment with respect to the imposition of customs duties, inspection fees or other national duties or charges by the Contracting Party whose territory is entered.

(c) The fuel, lubricating oils, spare parts, regular equipment and aircraft stores retained on board civil aircraft of the airlines of one Contracting Party authorized to operate the routes and services described in the Annex shall, upon arriving in or leaving the territory of the other Contracting Party, be exempt from customs, inspection fees or similar duties or charges, even though such supplies be used or consumed by such aircraft on flights in that territory.

ARTICLE 4

Certificates of airworthiness, certificates of competency and licenses issued or rendered valid by one Contracting Party shall be recognized as valid by the other Contracting Party for the purpose of operating the routes and services described in the Annex. Each Contracting Party reserves the right, however, to refuse to recognize, for the purpose of flight above its own territory, certificates of competency and licenses granted to its own nationals by another state.

ARTICLE 5

(a) The laws and regulations of one Contracting Party relating to the admission to or departure from its territory of aircraft engaged in international air navigation, or to the operation and navigation of such aircraft while within its territory, shall be applied to the aircraft of the other Contracting Party, and shall be complied with by such aircraft upon entering or departing from or while within the territory of the first party.

(b) The laws and regulations of one Contracting Party as to the admission to or departure from its territory of passengers, crew, or cargo of aircraft, such as regulations relating to entry, clearance, immigration, passports, customs, and quarantine shall be complied with by or on behalf of such passengers, crew, or cargo of the other Contracting Party upon entrance into or departure from, or while within the territory of the first party.

ARTICLE 6

Each Contracting Party reserves the right to withhold or revoke a certificate or permit to an airline of the other party in any case where it is not satisfied that substantial ownership and effective control are vested in nationals of either party to this Agreement, or in case of failure of an airline to comply with the laws of the State over which it operates as described in Article 5 hereof, or to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7

This Agreement and all contracts connected therewith shall be registered with the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization.

ARTICLE 8

Either Contracting Party may terminate the rights for services granted by it under this Agreement by giving one year's notice to the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 9

In the event either of the Contracting Parties considers it desirable to modify the routes or conditions set forth in the attached Annex, it may request consultation between the competent authorities of both Contracting Parties, such consultation to begin within a period of sixty days from the date of the request. When these authorities mutually agree on new or revised conditions affecting the Annex, their recommendations on the matter will come into effect after they have been confirmed by an exchange of diplomatic notes.

ARTICLE 10

Any dispute between the Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Agreement or its Annex which cannot be settled through consultation shall be referred for an advisory report to the Interim Council of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization (in accordance with the provisions of Article III Section 6(8) of the Interim Agreement on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on December 7, 1944 ³) or its successor.

³ EAS 469, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 929.

ARTICLE 11

If a general multilateral air Convention enters into force in relation to both Contracting Parties, the Present Agreement shall be amended so as to conform with the provisions of such Convention.

ARTICLE 12

The provisions of this Agreement shall become operative from the day it is signed. The Greek Government shall notify the Government of the United States of America of the approval of the Agreement by the Greek Parliament, and the Government of the United States of America shall consider the Agreement as becoming definitive upon the date of such notification by the Greek Government.

In witness whereof the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their Seals:

For the Government of the United States of America:

K. L. RANKIN [SEAL]

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

For the Government of Greece:

CONSTANTINE RENDIS [SEAL]

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Done in duplicate at Athens, this twenty-seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six.

ANNEX TO AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND GREECE

A. Airlines of the United States authorized under the present Agreement are accorded rights of transit and non-traffic stop in Greek territory, as well as the right to pick up and discharge international traffic in passengers, cargo and mail at Athens, on the following route or routes:

The United States, via intermediate points, to Athens and points beyond: in both directions.

B. Airlines of Greece authorized under the present Agreement are accorded in the territory of the United States such rights of transit, non-traffic stop and commercial entry for international traffic in connection with such specific route or routes as may be determined at a later date.⁴

⁴For amendments relating to para. B, see agreements of Feb. 7, 1966 (17 UST 344; TIAS 5982) and Dec. 20, 1968 (19 UST 7767; TIAS 6606).

C. In the establishment and operation of the air services covered by this Agreement and its Annex, the following principles shall apply:

(1) It is desirable to foster and encourage the widest possible distribution of the benefits of air travel for the general good of mankind at the cheapest rates consistent with sound economic principles; and to stimulate international air travel as a means of promoting friendly understanding and good will among peoples and insuring as well the many indirect benefits of this new form of transportation to the common welfare of both countries.

(2) The air transport facilities available to the traveling public should bear a close relationship to the requirements of the public for such transport.

(3) There shall be a fair and equal opportunity for the airlines of the two nations to operate on any route or routes between their respective territories covered by this Agreement and its Annex.

(4) In the operation by the airlines of either Contracting Party of the trunk services described in the Annex to this Agreement, the interest of the airlines of the other Contracting Party shall be taken into consideration so as not to affect unduly the services which the latter provides on all or part of the same routes.

(5) It is the understanding of both Contracting Parties that services provided by a designated airline under this Agreement and its Annex shall retain as their primary objective the provision of capacity adequate to the traffic demands between the country of which such airline is a national and the country of ultimate destination of the traffic. The right to embark or disembark on such services international traffic destined for and coming from third countries at a point or points on the routes covered by this Agreement and its Annex shall be applied in accordance with the general principles of orderly development to which both Contracting Parties subscribe and shall be subject to the general principle that capacity should be related:

- (a) to traffic requirements between the country of origin and the countries of destination;
- (b) to the requirements of through airline operation, and
- (c) to the traffic requirements of the area through which the airline passes after taking account of local and regional services.

(6) In so far as the airline or airlines of one Contracting Party may be temporarily prevented through difficulties arising for the War from taking immediate advantage of the opportunity referred to in sub-paragraph (3) above, the situation shall be reviewed between the Contracting Parties with the object of facilitating the necessary development, as soon as the airline or airlines of the first Contracting Party is or are in a position increasingly to make their proper contribution to the service.